

**COOGAN IN CAR SMASH** wrecked his sports car Tuesday night, police reported. Officers said they found Coogan stunned and unable to speak after his car slammed into a parked auto.

### 1,200 Lawyers Plan Meeting

By ROY LABERGE  
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OTTAWA (CP) — Some 1,200 lawyers from the far corners of the Commonwealth are expected to attend a big conference here next fall, sponsored by the Canadian Bar Association.

Invitations have been extended to the bar associations of every Commonwealth member, and all are likely to be represented here Sept. 14-21, Ronald C. Merriam, secretary of the Second Commonwealth and Empire Law Conference said Monday. "Any accredited lawyer from any Commonwealth country is welcome," he said. The Canadian association offered to play host to the 1960 conference five years ago when the first Commonwealth lawyers conference was held at London.

**OF WIDE INTEREST**  
The week-long gathering will be made up mainly of educational sessions at which the parties will compare notes on legal questions of Commonwealth-wide interest. The sessions will be of practical value to lawyers dealing with legal problems that extend across

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## Christmas Is Normal Though Grain in Fields

By DON READY  
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Reston, Man. (CP) — Traditional feasts of turkey, goose or ham and the joy of entertaining old friends will help keep Christmas 1959 close to normal in this small farming community, despite one of the worst harvests on record in southwestern Manitoba. Severe snow storms early in October caught many farmers with their grain unharvested, burying crops in up to 30 inches of snow.

Ironically, it appears this year's will not be a white Christmas. Warm weather that prevailed during the early part of December has all but melted the snow—but conditions still are not good enough for harvest. In this community, where everyone knows everybody else, a constant exchange of visits will be taking place. Neighbors will drop in, one-time residents will return to spend the holiday with relatives, and many a happy hour will slip by as friends reminisce and discuss what's new in the old home town. Christmas dinners — complete with golden-browned turkey, plump roasted goose, luscious ham and steaming pudding—will be laid before huge rings of relatives and friends.

**CHILDREN'S DAY**  
Meanwhile, the youngsters will have all available floor space covered with their newly acquired toys and games.

Outside, the town and countryside already are lit up with the twinkle of season's decorations. Main Street is aglow with strings of red and green lights, and at the main intersection a Christmas tree stands proudly bedecked in many-colored lights.

The two churches in the town, St. John's Anglican and the United Church, are holding special services and programs for the season. Programs of carols and lessons retelling the nativity story were held last Sunday and special Christmas-Day services have been prepared.

An epidemic of mumps in town and rural schools played havoc with well-laid plans for Christmas concerts by the children. In a few cases Sunday School and class room programs had to be cancelled.

Generally speaking though, the big nights were their usual success—especially with the smaller fry as Santa Claus made his annual preview visits.

### Antigonish Bishop Is Buried Tuesday

ANTIGONISH, N.S. (CP) — Bishop John R. MacDonald, fifth Roman Catholic bishop of the diocese of Antigonish, was buried here Tuesday in St. Ninian's cemetery overlooking the cathedral church he served as curate, rector, administrator and bishop. Bishop MacDonald died Friday after a lengthy illness. He was 68.

A solemn crowd packed St. Ninian's Cathedral to pay final tribute to the churchman affectionately known as "Bishop John R." The gathering included church officials and government representatives.

Archbishop Sebastian Baggio, apostolic delegate to Canada, celebrated requiem high mass.

In his eulogy, Archbishop J.G. Berry of Halifax praised the contribution made by Bishop MacDonald to his church and community.

Archbishop Berry said the bishop brought to his episcopal office a "generous giving of himself, a dynamic apostolic outlook, a simple humility and a dignity of bearing."

Commonwealth boundaries. They will, for example, help a lawyer to a clearer understanding of the legal points involved when a client has obtained a divorce or married in another Commonwealth land.

**DE GAULLE TO ASIA?**  
PARIS (Reuters) — The independent newspaper Combat reports Wednesday that President de Gaulle may tour Asia next year, particularly India, Indonesia and possibly Japan.

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